

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(B)2

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 3, 2004

FROM: 
George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Report of Proposed
Expenditures from the
Law Enforcement
Trust Fund

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) consists of seized monies and the proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited property received from both Federal Asset Sharing and State Forfeiture Proceeds. These funds must be used for law enforcement purposes which are not budgeted. Indicated below are recommended expenditures from the LETF.

PROPOSED ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES

1. Enhanced Agricultural Patrol Initiative \$54,000

Funds will be utilized to install and bring into operation a modular office building that would serve as a full functional mini-station for the South Regional Agricultural Patrol Unit. This facility will provide easy access to full police services to the area, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This initiative will bring the police closer to the agricultural community, improve quality of life issues, increase response time, and instill a sense of security to a vast community across 440 square miles. Funds will be used to cover the costs of the delivery and setup of the trailer, the setup of the handicap ramps, building and zoning fees, architectural fees, septic tank installation fees, parking area paving fees, and miscellaneous items such as signage, fencing, alarm installation, network connection, personal computers and a phone system. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.

2. DNA Subject Database \$20,000

Funds will be utilized to continue to outsource the remaining DNA swabs collected by the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) that have not been analyzed. Funds were previously awarded and utilized to establish a database that includes the DNA of over 5,000 arrested persons or subjects questioned by MDPD violent crimes units (Homicide, Robbery and Sexual Battery Crimes Bureau) who voluntarily agreed to give a DNA sample. These samples are used to compare evidence collected at crime scenes. This effort has facilitated current DNA profile examinations and enhanced our ongoing DNA program. Funds will be used to pay a commercial

laboratory to analyze the remaining DNA samples, as the Crime Laboratory cannot absorb the volume of additional work. Once complied, data will be provided to MDPD for subsequent input into the database. Funds will also be used to purchase required consumable DNA testing supplies. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds (Other Law Enforcement Purposes).

3. Purchase of Noritsu Digital Mini Lab \$150,000

Funds will be utilized to purchase an upgraded Noritsu 2901 Digital Mini Lab, including accessories in the form of paper magazines, 120-film carrier, print driver software, CT-1 Remote Input Terminal, and a floppy drive option. The requested funds will be combined with the trade-in value of \$30,000 for the current Noritsu 2301 processor. The 2901 mini lab has total digital capabilities including film scanning and the ability to accept digital images from five different types of digital media. This upgraded equipment will improve the Photographic Services Unit by giving them the ability to respond to a growing need within MDPD to print digital images from an expanding proliferation of different digital media. It will additionally enhance the security of film negatives through the mini lab's integral ability to scan film negatives onto a CD. This function will facilitate the delivery of images to an outside contract vendor on a CD when copies of case negatives are ordered by the State Attorney's Office, private attorneys, or others who have a legitimate need to have crime scene images. Funds will be provided from Justice Asset Sharing Funds.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PROPOSED JUSTICE ASSET SHARING EXPENDITURES \$224,000

I, Carlos Alvarez, Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, do hereby certify that the aforementioned request for expenditures from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund complies with the provision of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes and applicable guidelines related to equitable sharing of federal assets.


CARLOS ALVAREZ
Director

12/15/03
/DATE